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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : National Intelligence Officer for
Latin America

SUBJECT : Department of State Political Action
Initiative--Meeting with Secretary Haig
and Others on Monday, 3 May 1982

1. Secretary Haig and Under Secretary Eagleburger will preside at the 4:30 P. M. Monday meeting which will also include Secretary Weinberger, Deputy Secretary Carlucci, Mr. Wick of ICA, and Mr. McPhearson, AID administrator.

2. The purpose will be to explain their plan for a new Department of State Bureau of Political Affairs and seek your support for the concept and its implementation. The attached State paper describes their plans. Either President Reagan or Secretary Haig would unveil this concept in a speech to the parliament of the United Kingdom on 8 June 1982 if there is consensus about the approach. (A draft of this speech is also attached.)

3. This new Bureau would undertake an open but discreet program of persuasion on key international issues and provide tangible support for democratic forces in right-wing as well as communist dictatorships with four main activities: (a) analysis to develop strategies for assisting the forces of peaceful liberalization; (b) practical training of individuals for actions such as the formation of political parties, trade unions, communications, links to democratic exiles; (c) financial help for those efforts; (d) cooperation with US labor, political, civic, religious and business groups which might participate in particular foreign countries (much as the American AFL-CIO regional labor union efforts have done for many years).

4. It is my understanding that State intends this new political action group to supplement and cooperate with CIA
[redacted] This issue should be made clear because

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there is likely to be some concern among our colleagues that the new Bureau could assume some degree of managerial or approval authority over CIA/DDO programs--which would not be a good idea although coordination would obviously be called for at the highest level.

5. In my judgment there is an urgent need for the type of effort described by State. In addition to support for political liberalization, there is immediate need for effective international communication and persuasion efforts on issues such as: strategic defense/containment

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and
the Middle East. My recommendation is that you support this effort.

6. I have been asked to suggest that you invite Mr. John McMahon to attend the meeting with you because State hopes to have a quarterly SIG meeting which would involve Messrs. Eagleburger (who is the prime mover of this idea), Carlucci and McMahon and McFarland to review progress and actions.

7. I would welcome the chance to discuss this in person with you for 15 minutes either over the weekend or on Monday before the meeting.

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Attachments

cc: DDO (Mr. John Stein)
DDI (Mr. Robert Gates)

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